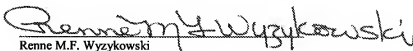


## PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

*I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 27, 2010 at or before 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time under the Rules of 37 CFR § 1.8.*

  
Renne M.F. Wyzykowski

Applicant	: Lutz Biedermann, et al.	Confirmation No. 4926
Application No.	: 10/660,453	
Filed	: September 11, 2003	
Title	: SPACE KEEPER FOR VERTEBRAE OR INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS	
Grp./Div.	: 3738	
Examiner	: David H. Willse	
Customer No.	: 23363	
Docket No.	: 58780/B884	

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Post Office Box 7068  
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068  
January 27, 2010

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	20	*22	0	x \$26.00	0 x \$52.00	-0-
Independent Claims	1	** 3	0	x \$110.00	0 x \$220.00	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$195.00	\$390.00	-0-
TOTAL FILING FEE						-0-
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					-0-
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 10/660,453**

\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
X \_\_\_\_\_ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
X \_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures: Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO/SB/08A/B.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By 

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua T. Chu  
Reg. No. 59,799  
626/795-9900

JTC/rmw

RMW PAS885218.1-\*01/27/10 10:27 AM